



Islip, NY – Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan and Councilman John H. Edwards met with officials from the U.S. Department of Energy in December to review the Town's project to install over 8,000 induction street light fixtures across the town with stimulus funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Approximately \$2.4 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding is currently being used to purchase and install the new induction light fixtures, which will save approximately 55% of the energy cost and consumption for each fixture.

"This project is a fine example of our Town embracing new green energy technology that will save the Town a substantial amount of money," stated Supervisor Nolan.

The current project replaces 70-watt High Pressure Sodium fixtures and the 14-watt ballasts with induction fixtures that use only 40-watts of electricity. The new fixtures are also utilizing a flat lens in accordance with the Town's "Dark Skies" ordinance and can be identified by their green casing.

"This is a tremendous project that not only reduces Town expenses but benefits the environment as well," stated Councilman Edwards.

As of the end of April nearly 3,200 lights have been installed through this project. The installed lights will reduce energy consumption by 609,859 kilowatt hours a year; an annual savings of \$95,000.

The Town is working with the New York Power Authority on a program that will provide low-interest loans to cover the cost of replacing the Town's 20,000 lights.